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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application for:

Pooi See Lee

Serial No.: 09/726,903

Filing Date: 11/29/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
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SALICIDATION

Examiner: Garcia, Joannie A.

Group Art Unit: 2823

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION IN VIEW OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On May 13, 2003, the Primary Examiner over this case mailed a Notice of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. In response to that Notice, Applicants have modified the Amendment mailed February 7, 2003:

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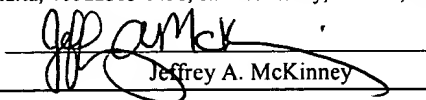


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 2/7/2003, attached please find:

1. This Amendment Transmittal Letter;
2. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action in View of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.121; and,
3. A Return Receipt Post Card.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

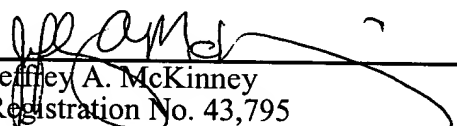
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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 4, 2003

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